

MINUTES, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1959

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Torrance, California
August 11, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, August 11, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and Assistant City Attorney Dower were also present, with City Prosecutor Catterlin also in attendance.

At the request of Mayor Isen, George Schneider led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Needles of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 4, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen informed the audience that at a Pre-Council meeting which started at 7:45 P. M., the Council had been informally considering an offer from the Home Savings & Loan Association for the old City Hall on Cravens Avenue. The further consideration of the offer was to be the first order of business.

Mayor Isen directed that two letters from the Home Savings & Loan Association of Los Angeles, both dated August 11, 1959, and both signed by K. D. Childs, President, be made a part of the record by reference. One of these letters contained the terms of their offer, and they stated they would pay \$100,000 for the property, having the dimensions of 125' on Cravens and a depth of 226.05' on El Prado Avenue and upon which is located the old Torrance City Hall.

At the request of Councilman Blount, City Manager Stevens presented a map of the area for the Council's information.

Councilman Jahn asked if they might not be getting extra land which they could not use for parking and which would interfere with the use of our parking lot there.

Mr. Childs was present, and said that would give them room to park cars for their own people. Further, while they would not allow all-day parking, there would probably be space for some use of the space by the general public.

Mayor Isen pointed out to the audience that Home Savings & Loan is the largest institution of its kind in the world.

Mr. Childs said they have their largest investments - over \$92,000,000 in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen felt the property was worth more than \$100,000, and said he had thought their offer was for \$116,000.

Mr. Childs said their original offer had been, but after their architects had worked on this and they had been made fully aware of those changes which must be made, they had been forced to reduce the offer. He added that they are not entirely convinced that this is the most desirable location for their firm in our City, and that if they must sell the building later they

will undoubtedly take a loss. Mr. Childs pointed out that they have agreed to allow the Recreation Department of the City to occupy, rent-free, the 'rear portion of the building, being that portion located to the west of the north-south passageway,' for a period of one year from the date the title passes to Home.

Councilman Drale thought the building was not suitable for any other use, and with the money from this sale, he thought that inside a year we could build other quarters here for the Recreation Dept., now housed in that building. He pointed out that this will bring in more taxes and help develop the downtown area as a financial area. He added that we will be reserving 50' X 150' for parking, and he moved to accept the offer.

Councilman Benstead asked if it was urgent that the City Council act on this tonight, saying he could not see why the Councilmen could not have until tomorrow evening to consider this.

Mr. Childs said if the Council was willing to act on it that soon, he would be willing to meet with them tomorrow evening. However, he has to open here by October 1, so time is of the essence.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Council and Mr. Childs meet here at 5:30 P. M. tomorrow in an Adjourned Meeting to give the matter final consideration.

Councilman Bradford seconded the motion to accept the offer.

Councilman Blount asked if Mr. Childs would agree that no entry would be made to the property from El Prado, saying it is a very narrow one-way street.

Mr. Childs thought so; he could see no reason at this moment why he should not agree. He said if the time comes when they need to use the back of the property, they will put in a wall.

Councilman Drale said he would like to earmark the money from this sale, if it is approved, for the addition of space to the present City Hall.

Councilman Beasley said he believed this would add to the status of the down-town area as a financial center of the City. He believed this would be a step in the right direction, and will add to the tax rolls. He pointed out that the homes in our City have not produced the revenue that commercial areas do, so we need the tax revenues.

Councilman Jahn noted that in Paragraph 2 of the letter from Home containing their offer they say that title to the property is to be recorded in Home's name on or before August 22, 1959; he asked Mr. Childs if, in the event that it is mechanically impossible for us to achieve this, they would make a deposit in escrow large enough to protect us.

Mr. Childs said if this offer is accepted, as soon as they see the title report and are sure the land is clear they will deposit the entire amount in case.

Councilman Jahn said he asked this because he would hate to see them start working on the building and then have something happen and have the City left with no escrow, no final sale, and a ruined building.

Mr. Childs said they would indemnify us.

Councilman Jahn said he understood the reasons for making a lower final offer on this building than Home had originally made, saying he is not opposed to that; however, the Chamber of Commerce has just moved into that building, and he said he would like to see a way worked out so they could stay for the present rental figure.

Mayor Isen agreed with this, and asked if Mr. Childs could see his way to allowing the Chamber the same tenancy as the Recreation Dept., for the same period of time, or perhaps two years; he said he would be in favor of this.

Mr. Childs did not believe it would be reasonable for them to carry the whole load. He asked how much their taxes would be on the property.

The City Manager said between \$2500 and \$3000.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the City gets only about 1/6 of the tax dollar.

Mr. Childs said if it would help the situation, he would be willing to reduce the Chamber's rent to \$150 and give them tenancy for two years.

Councilman Benstead said it was his opinion that if these people buy the building, it is their business who they rent to and how much they get.

Councilman Drale agreed; he did not feel that was the duty of the Council.

The motion to accept the offer carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen described the Council's procedure for the benefit of the audience.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the 3rd and Final Hearing on:

CASE NO. 576: Petition of Lloyd D. Milburn for a Change of Zone from R-3 to C-3 on property legally described as all of Lot 14, excepting the north 60' thereof, La Fresa Tract, 200' west from Yukon on 174th St., 120' north from 174th St. on Yukon, situated at the NW corner of Yukon Ave. and West 174th St., for commercial development.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved to close this Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of this Change of Zone.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that it was inherent in the motion that the necessary Ordinance be drawn.

Councilman Blount so amended his motion, the amendment was accepted by the second, and it was so ordered.

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the 3rd and Final Hearing on:

CASE NO. 579: Petition of Bert Moore et al for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on property legally described as Lots 16 thru 19, inclusive, La Fresa Tract, situated at the NE corner of 174th St. on Yukon, for purpose of creating a commercial development.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Upon motion by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Bradford, as there were no objections, this was ordered filed. Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. J. DiCarlo, 3418 W. 172nd St., spoke in opposition to this Change of Zone, saying his property is in back of this and he felt it would be a disadvantage to him.

Councilman Drale said that according to the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the back of the property near Mr. DiCarlo would be zoned R-3.

Mr. DiCarlo had not been aware of that, but was interested in reading an excerpt from the Planning Minutes about this, which Councilman Drale gave him.

Mr. Moore, the petitioner, offered for study a map showing the way the area will be zoned under this recommendation.

Mr. Clinton Beedon, 3437 W. 175th St., asked if the people in the area might have assurance that there would not be a commercial use too near the church on 174th St., expressing fear that there may be a noisy operation there. He asked what control the City would have over the development along there. He expressed concern lest there be a liquor store too close to the Church.

Councilman Beasley explained that the State would govern that.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Beedon said he would consider such an operation as a garage with a body shop an objectionable business if it were in operation when the church was in session.

At the request of the Mayor, President Lynn of the Planning Commission came forward to answer Mr. Beedon's questions. Mr. Lynn said that under rezoning, the City would not have control over the development of the land as they would have had under a Variance, however, with the price of the land being considered, he did not believe it would be economically feasible to develop it in any way except the best.

Mr. Beedon asked about parking, and President Lynn told him that the rear of this property will be zoned R-3 if the Commission's recommendation is followed. The control over parking on this property will be that wielded by our Off-street Parking Ordinance, which is far in advance of that of most cities.

President Lynn did not believe, with reference to the question about the garage and body shop near the church, that anyone would want to build a business which would cause the neighbors to be unhappy about it.

Councilman Blount protested that once more the Council had maps from the Planning Department which do not give the information they should; he said he had asked that the maps show how the property will be under the recommendation of the Commission. He asked Mr. Lynn if he would see that this is done in the future.

President Lynn agreed with Councilman Blount on this; he said the map sent to the Council should have shown the C-3 and R-3 zoning as recommended by the Commission. He said he would follow through on this.

Mayor Isen asked why the Council does not get up-to-date maps from Planning that conform with the Commission's recommendation.

President Lynn said this would not happen again, and said he had not known of this problem.

Mr. DiCarlo stated his opposition to this re-zoning. He said he would like to have the property zoned R-1.

Mr. G. R. Deaver, 3422 - 172nd St., stated his opposition to any two-story apartment buildings.

Councilman Jahn asked to see the map Mr. Moore had of this.

Mr. Everett Powell, 2091 W. 166th St., spoke in support of the petitioner. He believed this Change of Zone would improve the area.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:35 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 8:45 P. M.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford,
Drale, Jahn, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. With a Transmittal Form, the Planning Commission submitted: CASE NO. 582: VARIANCE - Gerald A. Herfurth.

The transmittal form from Planning Commission contained their recommendation for approval of request of Gerald A. Herfurth for a Variance to construct a professional building on property legally described as Lot 1, 41 and 42, Block J, Tract 10300, situated fronting on Pacific Coast Highway between Camino de las Colinas and Paseo de las Delicias.

Supporting the transmittal form were:

- a) location sketch;
- b) Excerpt, Minutes of July 15, 1959, Planning Commission meeting;
- c) July 31, 1959, letter from G. A. Herfurth, outlining his proposal for the property in a list attached to his letter.

Councilman Jahn asked to see a map of the property and area, and they were presented to the Council by President Bert Lynn of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen asked to see a showing of hands of those who wished to be heard on this Case. A large number of hands were raised.

Mayor Isen asked that the principal spokesman for those two groups present, opposition and support, be heard. He asked to hear those supporting the petition first.

Mr. Herfurth, the petitioner, came forward.

Mrs. Lita Parker, 301 Via Linda Vista, asked to have this held over, saying she had just heard about it today and wished to oppose it.

Mayor Isen explained that there had been meetings about this at the Planning Commission, and that this is the legal time for hearing the citizens about this.

Mr. Herfurth read the list of conditions on the property which he had submitted. He agreed that the parcel was R-3, but said the zone had been planned about 30 years ago, before the Coast Highway existed. Since it does, he believed the R-3 zone to be obsolete.

He believed that the best use of the property would be for the development he proposed, with the strict control which the City can exercise under a Variance. Mr. Herfurth quoted the traffic count, spoke of the development and lack of development of the highway frontage in the area, and mentioned the projected buildings across the highway. He said the building here has been reduced to 7500 sq. ft., parking has been increased from a previous plan, and other improvements over the previous plan submitted by another developer. He believed this would create a better buffer for the residential area behind it than would an apartment house.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard in support of this development.

Mr. George Drnovich, 356 Paseo de Gracia, who owns adjacent property, spoke in support of this petition.

Mr. Guy Brundage, 324 Paseo de la Playa, spoke in support of the petition.

Mr. Charles Wortham, who lives in Redondo Beach, spoke in support of the petition.

Mr. George Schneider, 636 Calle Miramar, spoke in support of the Variance.

Mr. Ben Quarles, 202 Vista del Sol, spoke in support of the petition.

Mr. Carl Rogers, 173 Via Monte d'Oro, spoke in support of the petition.

Mr. D. J. Cox, 355 Paseo de Gracia, spoke in favor of the petition.

Mayor Isen said the Council would be glad to hear the opposition to the petition for a Variance at this time.

William Mason, 204 Via La Circula, spoke in opposition to the Variance, supporting his stand with zoning maps of the area from the time of its original development. He outlined the history of the area to the Council, saying there had been only one deviation from the original zoning, and the circumstances in that case had been entirely different.

At this time, Mayor Isen interrupted the proceedings to apologize for his oversight in seating City Prosecutor Catterlin at the City Attorney's table, and requested Mr. Dower, our Assistant City Attorney to take that place.

Mayor Isen, mentioning the lateness of the hour, then asked to interrupt further.

He said the Council was thrilled to learn that our City's Babe Ruth League had won the Southern California Championship and are in Stockton for the Western playoffs; if they win there, he said, they will go on to the Babe Ruth World Series. He said Mr. Cambon of that League was present and would like to be heard.

Mr. Cambon presented to the Council a plaque which they had received for winning the Babe Ruth Championship of Southern California, for display in the City's Trophy Room. He thanked the Police Department Youth Fund for providing the team with transportation, and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their help.

Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Cambon for the Council, and asked Mr. Bone to see that the trophy is properly displayed. He added that he and Mrs. Isen will be in Stockton on Friday to see how the team does, and hopes others will attend to support our boys.

Mayor Isen directed that the next person who wished to be heard in the Herfurth matter come forward.

Mrs. Stevens, 115 Camino de las Colinas, spoke in opposition to the Variance, and presented a petition bearing 11 names, all opposing this Variance.

Mrs. Ann Rosenberg, 123 Camino de las Colinas, opposed the Variance.

At 9:35 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:45 P. M.

Mr. Chulesky, owner of the adjoining property, spoke in opposition to the Variance.

Mr. Hovey, 109 Pase de las Delicias, opposed the Variance.

President Lynn of the Planning Commission explained the reasons the Commission had for recommending this Variance for approval.

Mr. Herfurth presented the architect's rendering of the building he proposes to put on the property.

Mr. Baum, 118 Paseo de Gracia, protested against the Variance.

Mr. Cessna, 114 Paseo de Gracia, opposed the Variance.

The City Manager filed with the Clerk a letter from Mr. Cessna which had been received today, stating his opposition to the Variance.

Mr. Herfurth spoke once more of the Variance he had requested, speaking of what he considered to be the advantages. No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and with the conditions they had approved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said when this matter was before the Council several months ago, he had voted in favor of it, and he had not changed his mind. It is a better plan now than it was then. He believed this would benefit the area, and that in a few months the residents will be glad this was approved.

At 10:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, and the Council re-convened at 10:10 P. M.

Councilman Blount left the meeting during the recess and did not return because of illness.

Mayor Isen noted that there were some people present who had been waiting patiently for a recommendation which was to be made by the Director of Public Works. He suggested this item be taken now as a courtesy to them. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles about his recommendation on fencing the park where the boys play ball and where the ladies feel there is danger to the surrounding area on this account as the park is not fenced.

Director of Public Works Wade Peebles said this was a part of Item I-2, under recommendations from the City Manager. In essence, it is a recommendation from Mr. Van Bellehem, the Recreation Director. Mr. Peebles said he had investigated this, and from the \$4,900 planned for allocation for fencing, he would recommend that this park, La Romeria, be fenced where the problem exists. He did not think we could fence the entire park.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this.

City Manager Stevens said this money must come from the Unappropriated Reserve.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale said his motion had referred only to the fencing necessary at the park to keep the balls from being a danger to homes adjacent to the park.

A lady in the audience asked when this would be done, and Mr. Peebles said it is hoped the work will begin at once.

The lady asked how high the fence would be, and Mr. Peebles said he hopes it will be at least 12' high.

Mayor Isen suggested that the other two items numbered I-2 on the Agenda be taken at this time to avoid possible confusion.

Item I-2 read as follows:

"1. Fencing of Sumps: I recommend that \$4,900 be allocated from the Unappropriated Reserve for sump fencing (supporting material submitted).

"Mr. Peebles, Director of Public Works, believes that from this a portion of La Romeria Park can be fenced.

"2. Extension of Sewer Line in 247th St.: It has been the policy of the City to install utilities in 247th St. to serve the industries which have been established there. If this policy is to be continued, I recommend that \$1,600 be allocated from the Unappropriated Reserve Fund to extend the sewer line. The Airport Fund is unable to finance this expenditure (Supporting material submitted).

"3. Personnel: I recommend that Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building Inspection, be authorized to employ John V. Russell as Acting Structural Inspector at the top salary established for the classification, on a temporary basis only, until the list is obtained from the re-examination for the position (supporting material attached).

This memo was from the City Manager, entitled, "Public Works Matters", and dated August 7, 1959.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation regarding the extension of the sewer line in 247th St.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the item entitled 'Personnel'.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Councilman Benstead asked if this was on a month to month basis, and the City Manager said it is.

Mayor Isen said Item I-3 on the Agenda, memo from City Manager Stevens of Aug. 7 re the proposed Rubbish Ordinance, was

here with the proposed ordinance, for study only. He asked that the Councilmen give this their attention.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A July 31, 1959, letter from Edward Dietrich, Jr., President of the Torrance Airport Businessmen's Association, referred to the phrase 'subject to city's costs for services' as it applied to a lease change. Mr. Dietrich asked for a clarification of this.

The petitioner was not present.

Mayor Isen said the Council had, sometime back, adopted a policy under which, when a change is made in a lease or other legal work is done by the City for either a tenant at the Airport or other tenants, those who benefit should pay for the City facilities used. He said these charges are very nominal when compared with the cost of most attorney's offices.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney's office be directed to write to Mr. Dietrich and explain this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen directed this to the Assistant City Attorney's attention, and Mr. Dower replied that the draft of such a letter is now ready.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a memo dated August 7, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

a. That the attached job descriptions and the following salary rates be approved:

Traffic & Lighting Engineer, \$747-782-819;
Zoning Coordinator, \$654-684-716;
Equipment Superintendent, \$727-760-796;
Building Maintenance Supervisor, \$606-634-664;
Senior Utility Maintenance Man, \$522-546-570;
Personnel Assistant, \$654-684-716;
Account Collector, \$484-506-529;
City Personnel Nurse, \$461-483-505;
Senior Airport Attendance, \$432-452-473.

"The position of Senior Airport Attendant has been requested by the Airport Superintendent and is explained in the attached memo. All other positions were approved in the 1959-60 Budget. All the attached descriptions were approved by the Civil Service Board on August 5, 1959. Subject to your approval the City Attorney will prepare an ordinance effecting said additions to the salary ordinance.

EXPENDITURES:

a. To Arrow Engineering Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of July, 1959, the sum of \$730.00 (A Budget item).

b. I recommend that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the "Agreement to Provide for Inter-Agency Cooperation in Civil Defense and Disaster-Joint Powers Act". The cost to the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1959-60 is \$2,054, based on our city's proportion of population and assessed valuation in Area G.

"This matter will be considered by the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission at their meeting held August 10, 1959 (a Budget item) (Copy of Agreement submitted).

c. For payment to the Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of July to September, 1959, the sum of \$5,387.50 (a Budget item).

Councilman Jahn referred to the section under "PERSONNEL", and asked about the Senior Airport Attendant. He asked if it was not possible for Mr. Egan to supervise the employees there.

Airport Manager Egan came forward, and said there are 4 men working on a rotating shift, and in many different areas of the Airport, and in operations, maintenance, handling the public, etc. Each has his own idea of how things should be done. Mr. Egan said his own time is largely occupied with administrative detail for the Council and Commission. He felt a person who could supervise and lead the men and whose duty it was to do so would be well worthwhile from the point of view of the Airport and the City. Such a man would relieve the Airport Manager of a great amount of detail. Mr. Egan said his purpose here was to get a man who can lead the others.

Councilman Benstead felt Mr. Egan should be able to do this without more help.

Councilman Jahn said we might need a lead man, but he knew that sometimes when a man is made a foreman he no longer works; he asked if this man would continue to produce for the Airport.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would not be making the man the same as an Assistant Airport Director.

Councilman Bradford felt not, and said there would be a lot of difference there.

Mr. Egan said good organization calls for a leader. He felt this was nothing new, and that it was logical.

Councilman Bradford asked why such a man could not be called a lead man.

Mr. Egan replied that this is a question of semantics; it had been discussed, and this had seemed the best nomenclature.

Councilmen Jahn and Benstead agreed that often when a man is given such a position he does not work any more.

Mr. Dave Steward of Vegas Air said he felt the men spent too much time at other than necessary work.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to have more time to consider this. He asked to have it held over for a week so it could be brought back with further information, and so he could be sure we would not lose a man's work by creating this job.

Councilman Drale said he would not object.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale referred to the matter of the City Personnel Nurse, saying that under the duties of that person, it says "makes calls on employees on injury and sick leave to render aid," etc. He asked for an explanation of this.

Assistant City Manager Bone said this particular position has been discussed previously and is in the Budget for the current year. He said many employees are hurt on the job, and the nurse would maintain a first aid station and if necessary, could then recommend that an injured person go to a doctor.

Mayor Isen asked if the nurse would go to the home of an employee before such a call was requested.

Mr. Bone said she would have that right.

Councilman Jahn thought we should call a spade a spade; he said we have been losing a great deal of time, which is money to

the City, by people taking their sick leave when they are not ill. In many cases they are ill, and then they are entitled to the time. In many instances, he said, they are not, and some have been seen by members of the City Council when they are at the race track or on a fishing boat or something spending so-called 'sick time'. He thought a person who was ill would appreciate having a nurse call on them, and he believed that having this nurse would repay her salary many times over.

Councilman Beasley said the nurse would be of service to the employees, and this is not a question of spying on anyone.

Mayor Isen believed this would be having a nurse serve as a special policeman.

Councilman Drale said he was opposed to this. He thought this would amount to invasion of privacy.

Councilman Bradford said the aircraft companies do this.

Councilman Jahn said the State does, too.

Mayor Isen asked to hold this for a week for study, so the Council can have a report on who has such a nurse and how she calls on people, etc.

Councilman Jahn moved that Item 1, under PERSONNEL, be approved with the exception of the City Personnel Nurse and the Sr. Airport Attendant.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley said with the exception of the Sr. Airport Attendant, all these jobs were in the budget. The descriptions were simply here for approval.

Councilman Drale said he does not like the idea of having a 'check-up' on employees. He was not opposed to having a nurse, but he did not like this particular thing.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Councilman Jahn moved that the item City Personnel Nurse and the job description for it, be approved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, who said he could see nothing wrong with checking employees when they were ill; a nurse might help the people.

Councilman Drale said she would be checking on a small percentage of the City's employees. He did not think it fair to accuse the employees of 'soldiering'.

Mayor Isen said he did not like this under the guise of a nurse. He thought Councilman Drale was right from another standpoint, too; he thought this might be unconstitutional. He pointed out that the employee need not allow the nurse to enter his home.

Councilman Drale said a nurse is not qualified to tell whether or not a person is ill, anyway.

Councilman Beasley said she could offer assistance, and suggest that a doctor be called if necessary; he thought it would be wonderful for us to have a first aid station with a trained person in attendance.

Councilman Drale agreed about the first aid station.

Councilman Beasley said the fact that a nurse would be available would, in many instances, be welcomed by employees. If they do not wish to admit her to their homes, that is their own business.

Mayor Isen said where the job description describes home calls, if the phrase 'when requested' is added, he would approve this, or at least would not oppose it.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had discussed this with the City Manager when it first came up. He thought everyone had agreed

on this at that time. He said when this was discussed, the Councilmen had seen lists of the sick time used by the employees, at least during the year previous to the discussion. The privilege was not abused by the majority of City employees, but there did seem to be some people who abused the privilege. If the nurse should go to a home to help a sick person and was not admitted, her sole duty then would be to hand a report on it to the Personnel officer. He could then take whatever action seemed best in the particular case at hand.

Councilman Jahn called for the motion.

Councilman Bradford said this was not a check on anyone in the City; he has, however, heard complaints from the men on the trucks about some of the men who work with them. Some of the people should be discharged. A man may be ill and need his sick leave, and if so, Councilman Bradford said he would not be against giving him plenty of time if he were really ill. He did not think we should allow some people to abuse this privilege, however.

Councilman Drale felt that basically Councilman Bradford was correct, but he did not subscribe to the belief that a nurse would be qualified to say whether or not a person was ill.

Councilman Bradford said if she felt it was necessary, she might suggest that a doctor be called.

The City Manager answered a question from the Mayor by saying that the City's employees are allowed to accumulate 60 days of sick leave; we are now trying to develop a plan under which, at retirement or perhaps after a certain period of years, a person would be paid for at least a part of the unused accumulated time. He said very few employees have that much time coming.

Councilman Drale said he felt there should be a plan to reward the employee who does not use up his time rather than a punitive plan.

Councilman Beasley said he had made the motion that such a plan be worked out.

Councilman Benstead noted that the job description would allow a nurse to give medicines to employees; he did not think this would be legal.

The City Manager said this would be a Registered Nurse, and would operate within those rights.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute motion, that this be re-written to take care of the criticism he and Mr. Drale had made, and particularly that concerning home calls 'when requested by the employee'.

Substitute motion seconded by Councilman Drale, but failed to carry by the following roll call vote: (tied)

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Jahn then called for the question on his motion to approve the job description.

Councilman Beasley said he did not regard the nurse as a policeman or as having any special police activities. If she can be of service, he would be glad. For a person who chronically uses sick leave for such purposes as going to the races, etc., he thought having a nurse would serve as a deterrent.

Motion failed to carry by the following roll call vote: (tied)

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen said this would have to be back again next week when a full Council was present.

Mayor Isen asked that Management also present a letter with it giving information as to cities which have this practice, whether the State follows it, which industries in the area follow this, etc.

Councilman Drale asked that there also be a legal opinion presented, in writing, as to whether this is legal or not.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Items a, b, and c under EXPENDITURES as presented by the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Item 2 submitted by the City Manager, a memo dated August 7, 1959, on the subject of Public Works Matters, had been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

3. An August 7, 1959, memo from the City Manager submitted for study a proposed rubbish ordinance. His memo reported that: "The Public Works Department has submitted a draft of an ordinance covering collection and disposal of rubbish. The draft is submitted for study only, with the hope that the Council will indicate their criticisms and recommendations for change, so that a final, workable ordinance can be prepared, which will consolidate all former ordinances on the subject."

Councilman Jahn moved this ordinance be put into proper form to be considered.

Councilman Drale said before any statements are released to the newspapers, he thought the Committee should have an opportunity to work on this; he had read about this in the newspapers.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that whoever had written this did not think it was ready for use.

Councilman Drale said he would like to hold this in abeyance until the Committee has considered it.

Director of Public Works Peebles said the Staff and all the Department Heads who would work with this are in concurrence on it, but had thought the City Council should have a Committee work on it so it can be worked out to concur with the Council's opinions.

Mayor Isen said he is bothered by the fact that people who do not want our service have to take it, etc.; he thought some changes were indicated.

Councilman Drale said the Committee will consider that, and it was agreed that the Council Committee would set a meeting date to consider this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. With a letter dated August 5, 1959, the City Attorney gave the Council a report on the subject of AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCES.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. With a letter dated August 6, 1959, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, the Civil Service Board reported to the Council that at their regular meeting held August 5, 1959, they had approved the Job Descriptions for the following new classifications:

Account Collector;	Personnel Assistant;
Building Maintenance Supervisor;	Sr. Utility Maintenance Man;
City Personnel Nurse;	Sr. Airport Attendant;
Equipment Superintendent;	Traffic & Lighting Engineer;
	Zoning Coordinator.

Mayor Isen noted that action on the City Manager's recommendations had attended to this.

2. With a letter dated August 6, 1959, signed by Secretary W. C. Bradford, the Civil Service Board submitted their recommendation on a change in the "Experience" and "Education" requirement for the "Assistant to the Director of Public Works"; and they notified the Council that they have ordered examinations for "ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS" and "SENIOR STRUCTURAL INSPECTOR".

Councilman Jahn asked that this be held over, saying he had not had an opportunity to read it.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. An August 6, 1959, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, reported to the Council that they had approved a leave of absence from August 24, 1959, to September 18, 1959, for Lois C. Beahan, Typist-Clerk in the Water Department.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated August 5, 1959, License Inspector Gale Whitacre reported that he and George Powell both recommend release of Bond No. L-7029449 in the amount of \$500, as requested by "The Fund" Insurance Co. of 3440 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. This bond is on an oil well located at the SE corner of the McHenry property, 339' north of the center line of 233rd St., and 750' east of the center line of Arlington Avenue. The well has been abandoned and the property cleaned.

Councilman Drale moved that the bond be released.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter dated August 6, 1959, the Director of Public Works notified the Council that the merchants in the downtown area are now ready to plant the trees in that area as approved by the Council earlier in the year. The Director of Public Works re-outlined the method of payment for the trees as approved by the Council previously.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this action.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked who would pay for these trees, and was told that the merchants would.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - Centrifugal Pump & Hose (self-priming):

With a letter dated August 3, 1959, W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, reported that bids on a 3" self-priming centrifugal Pump and Hose were opened in the Council Chamber on Friday, July 31, 1959, and that he recommended that the low bidder, Homelite Co. of Alhambra, be awarded the bid. The amount of the low bid was \$399.36 for the pump, and \$114.04 for the hose, a total of \$513.40, tax included.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

3. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - Drafting Furniture for Engr. Dept.:

With a letter dated July 30, 1959, W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, recommended that the Southwest Blueprint Co. be awarded the Drafting Furniture Bid, as they are the lowest qualified bidder. A summary of bids received was submitted with this letter for the information of the Council.

Councilman Benstead asked why the other bids were rejected, and Mr. Peebles replied that they did not meet specifications.

Councilman Benstead referred to the pumps awarded in the previous item, and Mr. Peebles said one of the bids had been on an adequate pump which would not be up to our requirements.

Councilman Benstead said he had been told that the specifications were set up so only one firm could bid on the pumps. He asked if that was correct.

Mr. Peebles said that is not true; he said that before we buy equipment or even write specifications, we go out and look at the equipment we think will do the job the most economically for the City. The specifications are written around that type of equipment which will give us the particular work we want done in the best way.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation here that Southwest Blueprint Co. be awarded the drafting furniture bid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

4. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - 3 TO 6 UNITS 20-CU. YARD TRASH TRUCK, CHASSIS, CAB, WITH PACKER BODY.

With a letter dated August 6, 1959, W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitted his analysis of refuse truck loadpacker vs. the front-end loader type. A summary of the bids received on this equipment was also submitted with the letter. Mr. Peebles recommended that: the City award the purchase of 5 of these 20-yard units to the International Harvester Co. of Long Beach.

Councilman Benstead asked the difference between the Leach and the Gar Wood units, saying he thought the Leach had better material in it.

Mayor Isen asked if one of these units had not given us a great deal of trouble, and the City Manager replied he thought the Mayor was thinking of a sweeper.

Councilman Benstead asked if it would be possible to hold this over for a week and, if possible, get for the Council the maintenance costs on the Leach and Gar Wood units the City had bought at the same time.

Mr. Peebles said he could get those costs, but there is more to this than cost. This has been covered very carefully. He thought the material in both is about equal.

A representative of the Gar Wood dealer said they have been using high tensile steel in their machine for the past year.

Councilman Benstead thought the Gar Wood machine was a hazardous machine.

Mr. Peebles said he thought it had been found in most cases where surveys have been made that the safety factor in use of the Gar Wood machine is much more satisfactory than in the Leach, and he specifically mentioned the safety bar.

Councilman Benstead requested a breakdown on the Leach and Gar Wood machines we bought at the same time.

Councilman Drale said that he, as Chairman of the Council Committee, had been very close to the trucks, and he knew we had certainly had a lot of service out of the Gar Wood.

Councilman Jahn said he would second Councilman Benstead's motion to hold this over for a week for the requested report.

Councilman Beasley said he did not see a Leach bid, and he was told Leach had not bid because they did not meet the specification.

Mr. Peebles said he does not want an auxiliary machine on the unit.

Councilman Bradford said we had bought the Leach last year on Mr. Mansfield's recommendation, and that he believed it had been nothing but a problem ever since.

Councilman Beasley asked the City Manager if he had not made the recommendations on this before, and the City Manager said he had.

The City Manager told the Council that in the Budget, we have provided half the money for the sweepers and packers, and we will borrow the rest of the money from the bank and pay them as we go. This is the way this has been done before, and we need these units.

There were no objections, and Councilman Benstead's request, as seconded by Councilman Jahn, was ordered.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - DOUBLE GUTTER BROOM - 4 CU. YDS.:

With a letter dated August 6, 1959, W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitted a bid summary on these brooms, along with a copy of the notice to bidders and the specifications.

Mr. Peebles recommended this bid be awarded to the Dearth Machinery Co., in the sum of \$11,121.76, as they had bid to our specifications without qualification or deviation.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

6. With an undated report, the Director of Public Works had sent to the City Manager a letter, subject "Attached report on the Kissel Tract, a supplement to the status of Tract #23988 report (submitted with this as Annex B) dated July 16, 1959".

Councilman Drale asked to hold this for a week for consideration because he had not had time to study it.

Mayor Isen pointed out Mr. Peebles's recommendation that "If the Honorable City Council will authorize this office to negotiate with the developer to accomplish the balance of the necessary improvements and clear up the subject of the tree planting, as shown in the attached Annex, this office can recommend to the Council the acceptance of this Tract. At that time, we will show what remedial work and other accomplishments have been made, so that the Honorable Council may approve or handle as they see fit".

Councilman Beasley said he could not determine from this whether they were going to put sidewalks on the south side of Via Montana or not.

Councilman Jahn said the bond is here, and will be held until the sidewalks are built. He had understood from the motion on this that the sidewalks were to be built when the houses were built.

Mayor Isen could see no way to resolve this except as Mr. Peebles had recommended.

Councilman Beasley said all the houses which can be built on the south side of Via Montana have been built, and he thought the sidewalks should be put in.

Councilman Bradford said they should put in all the sidewalks.

Councilman Beasley demurred that this was not the time, as Newton will probably be re-aligned.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with Mr. Peebles's recommendation, that his office negotiate on this and report to the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Building Department Matters:

7. A July 22, 1959, letter from J. A. Blankenship contained his request for a permit to erect a sign at 3116 W. 182nd St.

Appended to this letter was a memo from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg. Inspection, reporting on the plans for this sign and that as a letter from the owners of the building has been received in which they agree to conform to the plan, he recommended the approval of the sign. He said it should not conflict with other adjacent signs nor be detrimental to the building or to the surrounding area. This memo from Mr. Schlens was counter-signed by W. E. Peebles.

8. With an August 4, 1959, letter, the Rich Sign & Neon Company requested permission to erect a 5' x 7' double faced pole sign and one single faced, 3' x 20' sign on the roof at 23254 Robert Road.

With a memo which was appended. Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg. Inspection recommended approval of one sign and gave his reasons therefor, and recommended that the other not be approved, and gave his reasons therefor.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with both items 7 and 8 under 'Building Department Matters'.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. With a lengthy letter dated August 5, 1959, J. R. Egan, Airport Manager, submitted a report relative to Federal Airport Aid. This had been requested by the Council at a previous meeting.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Airport Commission be given copies of this, and Mr. Egan said he would see that they were.

This was ordered referred to the Airport Commission.

2. With an August 6, 1959, letter, the Airport Manager handed the council a copy of his letter of August 5, 1959, to Vegas Airways, Inc. Mr. Egan asked for an expression from the Council in this matter.

Mayor Isen asked why this was not before the Airport Commission, saying they should attempt to resolve this and then make a recommendation to the Council.

Mr. Dave Stewart of Vegas was present, and said this had been before the Airport Commission in the past, and they had recommended putting the gate there, and now the Airport Manager wants to change it. The gate is partly on City property and partly on his, he said.

There were no objections, and this matter was referred to the Airport Commission.

At 11:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 11:05 P. M.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, excepting for those having to do with money, and reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett did read title of and assign numbers to those ordinances and resolutions shown in these Minutes.

1. Assistant City Attorney Dower referred to the first resolution on the agenda, and said that Paragraph II on Page 2 of the Agreement covered by it should be deleted, in view of the action taken earlier this evening.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 3754

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1959-1960.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3754, with the deletion of Paragraph II, Page 2 of the Agreement.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated August 6, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1120, approved at its first reading with all Councilmen present and only Councilman Benstead voting "NO".

ORDINANCE NO. 1120

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.395 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXICABS, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1120.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1120 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. With a cover letter dated August 7, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the necessary ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 573, as approved by the Council on July 28, 1959.

ORDINANCE NO. 1121

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 573.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1121 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Blount absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 9, 1959, as "EMERGENCIES DON'T WAIT WEEK", with concurrence of the Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager Stevens reported he had received a call from Mr. Root, representing Tio Vivo who had bid on the 9 acres at the Airport, saying that due to the delays on the part of the City their prospective tenants had lost interest, therefore, Tio Vivo was now in such a position that they wished to withdraw their bid.

Councilman Jahn said he knew that by this delay, we had lost a Robert Hall store and a Kinney shoe store, as well as others.

Mayor Isen felt that unless the tenants had actually signed a lease we had not lost anything.

2. City Manager Stevens said we will notify all those people interested in leasing that corner, which is actually 8.3 acres instead of 9 acres, that the Council will accept bids, and we will advertise in the papers on this.

Councilman Drale asked if we will pay a broker commission on that corner, and Mayor Isen said we will not but the buyer or lessor may.

3. Assistant City Attorney Dower said he wanted to report that the Foley sump problem is in hand; criminal complaints had been filed on 8 points; a meeting had been held with Foley's attorney, and they had posted a bond to insure correction of the conditions involved.

Mayor Isen asked for a written report on the 8 points to be on the agenda next week.

4. Councilman Bradford noted that, for information only, there was a letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, asking for a leave of absence from the Commission. Councilman Bradford liked this, and wished all Commission members would extend that courtesy to the Council, and he so moved, and that the leave be approved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

5. Councilman Drale noted an invitation to the Council to a birthday party for "Boney", who is 85 years old; he noted that this gentleman works a full shift every day, and said he would like to wish him a happy birthday, and many returns.

Mayor Isen agreed, saying he hopes that the members of this body are as hale at that age as this gentleman is.

6. Councilman Jahn nominated Mrs. Kenneth Watts, of 145 Via Monte d'Oro, and Bob Baldwin of 2166 Torrance Blvd., as members of the Civic Center Planning Committee. Mrs. Watts's telephone number is FRontier 5-3287, and Mr. Baldwin's is FAirfax 8-1995.

7. Mayor Isen said he had been shocked to learn by reading an article in the Torrance Press that the Mother's Club at McMaster Park had wanted to donate an expensive recreational gift to the City and had been prevented from doing so by red tape. Whenever interested groups wish to give gifts to the City, they may do so simply by writing to the Council.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk to write to the President of the McMaster Park Mother's Club and tell her that this Council will be more than glad to eliminate the red tape which has apparently hindered their group.

Mrs. Rose Craig, a member of the Recreation Commission, said that Commission had received a letter at their last meeting about this, but because of the planned proceedings of that meeting they had not taken action on it.

8. Mayor Isen said he understood that there is a possibility that Mr. Salm may donate a part of the property he owns in North Torrance to us for park use. If this is done, the area will be called Salm Park, and we will save and care for the beautiful trees on that land.

The Council concurred with the Mayor in this, and there were several comments about the beauty and desirability of that area for a park.

Mayor Isen commented that he remembered the area from his own childhood, and that the area would surely serve as a living testimonial to the generosity of Mr. Salm if this use is made of the land.

Mayor Isen directed the City Clerk to transmit to Mr. Salm the sentiments of the Council in this matter.

9. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 P. M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance